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the appropriation bills for constitutional offices are seperate. There is great care taken that there is no provision other than just the appropriation and I would assume that Senator Chambers amendment would be improper to offer on a salary bill as it appears from what I hear of it would contain provisions other than the pay.

PRESIDENT: Is it your opinion then Senator Warner that 311 is an appropriation for the pay of state officers?

SENATOR WARNER: I believe it is to authorize an increase in their salary and appropriation.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, not to be argumentative but I disagree and I don't want to go into a long argument why I disagree but Senator Warner I do disagree with you.

PRESIDENT: There is a possibility that this subject matter might be improperly put in this bill. If what Senator Warner says, it may violate the Constitution, and should be more appropriately in another bill. The Chair hates to rule on constitutionality matters but....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, maybe I should just let the amendment pend and then the bill will stay where it is and I'll get an opinion from the Attorney General on this specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Well he has raised a point of order. It is now about seven of, I would like to have a chance to read the bill. I'm not sure that I am to rule on the constitutionality of a bill or amendments and so forth. That puts a heavy load. Senator Warner before you get away the Chair is going to take your point of order under advisement and I'm not...I a may agree with you but I'm not sure of my power. I don't know if I could rule that.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move that we recess until 1:30, signed Senator Burbach.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney, are they going to be back at 1:30? ARe they? The question is shall we be in recess until 1:30. All those in favor say aye, those contrary say nay. We are in recess until 1:30.